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I'm in my mid 60s and work part time in the medical field.
I am one of many with a limited stream of income and I am naturally concerned when I become aware of yet another project that appears to lack proper forethought and common sense.
I'm referring to the plan to clean the river.

It's at best irresponsible to expect taxpayers to foot the bill created by incompetent city/state planners. The interstate bridge debacle is a perfect example.

It's already difficult to afford the myriad fees imposed on Portland taxpayers; the inevitable higher taxes the EPA's plan will incur can't help but further erode my disposable income and diminish the quality of my life. At nearly 66 years of age, retirement is off (not even near) the table for several years to come as taxes continue to rise.

This is a plan that requires diligence on the EPA's part to explore any and all options, ideas and solutions and allow taxpayers an opportunity to express their support through a vote.

The only intelligent choice, as with any other business, is one that has the greatest positive impact on the environment and community and is financially responsible/sensitive to the community's ability to pay without hardship.
Indiscriminate spending negatively impacts us all.

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